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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1381

DIGEST OF HB 1381 (Updated March 6, 2007 10:31 am - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 35-46; noncode.

Synopsis: Neglect of a dependent. Specifies that a person having the care of a dependent commits neglect of a dependent as a Class C felony if the person's abandonment or cruel confinement of the dependent: (1) deprives a child of necessary food, water, or sanitary facilities; (2) consists of confinement in an area not intended for human habitation; or (3) involves the unlawful use of handcuffs, a rope, a cord, tape, or a similar device to physically restrain the child. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the sentencing policy study committee.)

Effective: July 1, 2007.

Lawson L, Ulmer, Foley
(SENATE SPONSOR — BRAY)

January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 25, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.
February 15, 2007, read second time, ordered engrossed.
February 16, 2007, engrossed.
February 21, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 93, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.
March 6, 2007, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-46-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.26-2006,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 4. (a) A person having the care of a dependent,
4 whether assumed voluntarily or because of a legal obligation, who
5 knowingly or intentionally:

6 (1) places the dependent in a situation that endangers the
7 dependent's life or health;
8 (2) abandons or cruelly confines the dependent;
9 (3) deprives the dependent of necessary support; or
10 (4) deprives the dependent of education as required by law;
11 commits neglect of a dependent, a Class D felony.

12 (b) However, the offense is:

13 (1) a Class C felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),
14 (a)(2), or (a)(3) and:

15 (A) results in bodily injury; or

16 (B) is:

17 (i) committed in a location where a person is violating

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1 IC 35-48-4-1 (delivery, financing, or manufacture of
 2 cocaine, methamphetamine, or a narcotic drug); or
 3 (ii) the result of a violation of IC 35-48-4-1 (delivery,
 4 financing, or manufacture of cocaine, methamphetamine, or
 5 a narcotic drug);
 6 (2) a Class B felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),
 7 (a)(2), or (a)(3) and results in serious bodily injury;
 8 (3) a Class A felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),
 9 (a)(2), or (a)(3) by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age and
 10 results in the death of a dependent who is less than fourteen (14)
 11 years of age; and
 12 (4) a Class C felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(2) and
 13 consists of cruel or unusual confinement or abandonment **that:**
 14 **(A) deprives a child of necessary food, water, or sanitary**
 15 **facilities;**
 16 **(B) consists of confinement in an area not intended for**
 17 **human habitation; or**
 18 **(C) involves the unlawful use of handcuffs, a rope, a cord,**
 19 **tape, or a similar device to physically restrain the child.**
 20 (c) It is a defense to a prosecution based on an alleged act under this
 21 section that:
 22 (1) the accused person left a dependent child who was, at the time
 23 the alleged act occurred, not more than thirty (30) days of age
 24 with an emergency medical provider who took custody of the
 25 child under IC 31-34-2.5 when:
 26 (A) the prosecution is based solely on the alleged act of
 27 leaving the child with the emergency medical services
 28 provider; and
 29 (B) the alleged act did not result in bodily injury or serious
 30 bodily injury to the child; or
 31 (2) the accused person, in the legitimate practice of the accused
 32 person's religious belief, provided treatment by spiritual means
 33 through prayer, in lieu of medical care, to the accused person's
 34 dependent.
 35 (d) Except for property transferred or received:
 36 (1) under a court order made in connection with a proceeding
 37 under IC 31-15, IC 31-16, IC 31-17, or IC 31-35 (or IC 31-1-11.5
 38 or IC 31-6-5 before their repeal); or
 39 (2) under IC 35-46-1-9(b);
 40 a person who transfers or receives any property in consideration for the
 41 termination of the care, custody, or control of a person's dependent
 42 child commits child selling, a Class D felony.

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1 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 35-46-1-4, as
2 amended by this act, applies only to crimes committed after June
3 30, 2007.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1381, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 18, after "the" insert "**unlawful**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1381 as introduced.)

LAWSON L, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters, to which was referred House Bill No. 1381, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1381 as printed January 26, 2007.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

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